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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):
Red River Valley Sugarbeet Education Foundation, Inc.
2. Description of the trip: This trip is designed to teach participants aspects regarding sugarbeet farming, storage, processing and the related science.
3. Dates of travel: 8/30/2017 - 9/01/2017
4. Place of travel: Travel will be from Washington, D.C. to Fargo, N.D. round trip
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Jared Henderson - Legislative Assistant for ND Senator Heitkamp
6. I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories:
☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
- OR -
☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- AND -
☒ I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I certify that:
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
- AND -
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)

I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

-OR-

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).

-OR-

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

N/A

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

- 12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:**

The Red River Valley Sugarbeet Education Foundation, Inc. is the sole sponsor of this trip and is responsible for organizing and conducting the activities during the trip.

- 13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:**

The Red River Valley Sugarbeet Education Foundation, Inc. was formed to educate interested persons about the sugarbeet industry. This trip is designed to teach participants aspects regarding sugarbeet farming, storage, processing and the related science via on site visits to farms, and processing plants.

- 14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:**

This is our second educational tour that the Red River Valley Sugarbeet Education Foundation has sponsored. The first tour was conducted in October of 2016.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

The Red River Valley Sugarbeet Education Foundation has participated in local farmer, elementary school students, and teacher educational programming as well as educating congressional staffers regarding the sugarbeet industry.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$1,065.60 airfare local bus transportation = \$120 each per guest	\$198 + tax	\$148	

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip involves an event that is arranged and organized specifically with regard to Congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The trip is located in the Red River Valley because this area is the primary headquarters of our sugarbeet industry.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

ClubHouse Hotel & Suites - Fargo, N.D.

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The ClubHouse Hotel & Suites was selected due to its convenient location with affordable hotel room rates plus meeting rooms that could accommodate the group. This was the least expensive room rate available in Fargo for the dates of the trip.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Daily expenses for lodging exceed the Federal Government rate by \$9 per night. This was the least expensive room rate available for the conference dates. Meals provided to trip participants fall within the maximum per diem rates for the official Federal Government travel stipulations.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Airfare - coach class

Locally - bus transportation on the tour

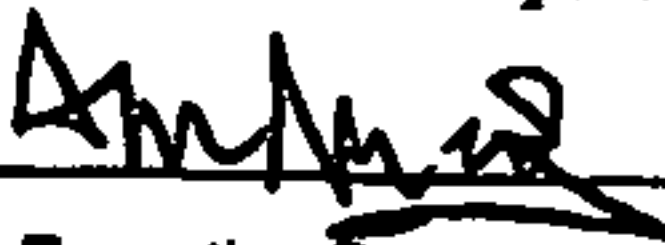
23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

N/A

25. I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:



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